(b) to (d) Some of the airlines are using the services of other personnel for handling their flights, who are required to meet the conditions laid down by the Airports Authority of India. Photo Identity Cards (PIC) are issued only with the approval of PIC Committee consisting of representatives of Airport Director, Airports Authority of India, Deputy Commissioner of Police, Airport Police Station Unit and Regional Director, Commissioner of Security, Bureau of Civil Aviation Security on the recommendation to AAI and Airlines after due scrutiny.

Operational airports in A.P.

4233. DR. DASARI NARAYANA RAO: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) the airports/airstrip in Andhra Pradesh which are maintained by Airports Authority of India but are not operational at present;

(b) what are the reasons therefor; and

(c) the steps Government have taken to make them operational?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI SYED SHAHNAWAZ HUSSAIN): (a) to (c) The airports at Cuddapah, Donakonda and Warrangal in the State of Andhra Pradesh are maintained by Airports Authority of India but are non-operational at present. These airports are non-operational mainly for non-availability of flights due to poor traffic.

Sales tax on Aviation Turbine Fuel

† 4234. SHRI RAMACHANDRA KHUNTIA: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the sales tax levied on Aviation Turbine Fuel (ATF), State-wise;

(b) whether Government have requested the States to reduce the sales tax on ATF;

(c) if so, the number of States which have taken steps to reduce the sales tax; and

(d) the steps taken by Government to levy sales tax at uniform rate on ATF in all States and to reduce its rate?

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† Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI SYED SHAHNAWAZ HUSSAIN): (a) State-wise details of sales tax levied on Aviation Turbine Fuel (ATF) are given in Statement *(see* below).

(b) to (d) State Governments were earlier requested to agree for declaration of ATF as "declared good" so as to levy a uniform Sales Tax at the rate of 4%. After consultation, Government has declared ATF for Turbo prop operation only as "declared good". In April 2002, Andhra Pradesh Government has reduced sales tax on ATF to 4%.

Statement

State-wise details of Sales Tax levied on ATF

Sl. No	. State	Rate of Sales Tax on ATF
1.	Assam	22.00
2.	Andhra Pradesh	4.00
3.	Bihar	26.25
4.	Chandigarh	22.00
5.	Delhi	20.00
6.	Goa	20.00
7.	Gujarat	27.60 (Bonded-36).
8.	Himachal Pradesh	20.00
9.	Jammu & Kashmir	21.00
10.	Karnataka	25.00
11.	Kerala	39.10
12.	Madhya Pradesh	28.75
13.	Maharashtra	25.00 (Bonded-20)
14.	Manipur	20.00
15.	Orissa	20.00
16.	Punjab	22.00
17.	Rajasthan	26.74
18.	Tamil Nadu	24.00
19.	Tripura	25.00